

Mullin's Notes



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CTA Council Honors Assemblymember Gene Mullin with 'Friend of Education' Award

In honor of his long and outstanding career devoted to public education, the California Teachers Association State Council of Education has bestowed its "Friend of Education" award for 2007 to Assemblymember Gene Mullin.

Assemblymember Mullin, a former high school teacher and the current Chair of the Assembly Education Committee, was honored by CTA's top governing body, comprised of nearly 800 democratically elected teacher delegates from across the state who met in Los Angeles for their quarterly gathering.

"Assemblymember Mullin has been a fierce champion of public education and the securing of funding for public schools, for educational excellence for all students and the teaching profession, and equitable treatment for all public employees," said David A. Sanchez, president of the 340,000-member CTA. "As a classroom teacher he understands that legislation doesn't happen in a vacuum and has a direct impact on local schools. And, he has understood above all else that a promise is a promise when it comes to supporting public education."

Assemblymember Mullin warmly thanked CTA for this honor. "This is the capstone of my career. My commitment to public education runs deep, and it's an honor to know that California's teachers and the CTA consider me a friend to their cause of providing students with the education they need and deserve."

For 32 years, Assemblymember Mullin taught government and coached basketball at South San Francisco High



Photo by Bruce Erickson

Assemblymember Gene Mullin visits a government class at Fernando Rivera Middle School.

School. He earned accolades for his school work, including being named San Mateo County "Teacher of the Year" for 1991. Assemblymember Mullin also was given the prestigious CTA State Teacher of the Year in Politics Award in 1996.

Assemblymember Mullin joined CTA in 1967 and is now a member of

CTA Retired. He served as chair of the negotiations committee for the South San Francisco Classroom Teachers Association (SSFCTA), a chapter of CTA, from 1984-1992. He was elected president of the SSFCTA and served in that office from 1992-95.

Where to Get Rid of E-Waste

Upcoming E-Waste Disposal Events

In a single year California produces over 500,000 tons of electronic hazardous waste (e-waste), most of which contains toxic metals such as lead, mercury, cadmium and chromium. These metals are known to the State of California to cause cancer and promote birth defects. Here are some examples of what is considered e-waste:

- · Cathode ray tube (CRT) devices including televisions and computer monitors
- · LCD desktop monitors
- · Desktop computers
- · Laptop computers with LCD displays
- · LCD televisions
- · Plasma televisions
- Portable DVD players with LCD screens
- · Cell phones and PDAs

E-waste is quickly becoming the state's fastest growing source of waste. As of February 9, 2006 it is illegal to dispose of e-waste with your curbside trash. It can leak its toxic contents into landfills, contaminating the soil and groundwater. The Department of Toxic Substances Control has determined it to be a threat to public health and has, therefore, made it illegal to dispose of improperly.

Many of these items, however, can be reused, refurbished, or recycled. Recent legislation requires retailers who sell rechargeable batteries or cell phones to accept old ones back to be recycled. Bay Area cities are also hosting e-waste disposal events where you can drop-off your e-waste for proper disposal.

For more information on e-waste and for a complete list of items that cannot be disposed of in household trash, please visit www.zerowaste.ca.gov or call (800) 253-2687.

DALY CITY

Where: City Hall 333 90th Street Daly City, CA

When: February 2nd, 2008,

9:00am to 3:00pm

February 3rd, 2008, 9:00am to 4:00pm What to Bring: Televisions, Monitors, Computers, Computer Components, Fax Machines, Printers, Copiers, Toner Cartridges, MP3 Players, VCR's & DVD's, Cell Phones, Telephone Equipment.

Sponsored by: Universal Waste Management, 1-888-832-9839 or unwaste.

MILLBRAE

Where: Millbrae City Hall 601 Magnolia Avenue Millbrae, CA

When: February 29th, 9:00am to 3:00pm

March 1st, 9:00am to 3:00pm

What to Bring: Televisions, Monitors, Computers, Copy Machines, Fax Machines, Printers, MP3 Players, Scanners, Video Game Consoles, Video Games, Cellular Phones (batteries can be included), Household Phones, Stereo Equipment, Miscellaneous Wiring, CD's (players and discs), DVD's (players and discs), Keyboards, Mice, Internet Devices Sponsored by: Millbrae Chamber of Commerce, 650-697-7324 or www.millbrae.com

SAN MATEO

Where: Borel Middle School 425 Barneson Avenue San Mateo, CA

When: February 2nd, 9:00am to 4:00pm

What to Bring: Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, Mice, Laptops, DVD/VCR

players, Cell Phones, Stereo Equipment, TVs, Microwaves, Power Cords, Telephones, Printers, Fax Machines, Radios, any electronic parts.

Sponsored by: ASL Recycling, 1-888-832-

9839 or ewastedropoff.com

San Mateo

Where: San Mateo High School 506 North Delaware Street

San Mateo, CA **When:** February 2nd,

9:00am to 4:00pm

What to Bring: Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, Mice, Laptops, DVD/VCR players, Cell phones, Stereo Equipment, TVs, Microwaves, Power Cords, Telephones, Printers, Fax Machines, Radios, any electronic parts.

Sponsored by: ASL Recycling, 1-888-832-

9839 or ewastedropoff.com

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Where: South San Francisco Fire Department, Station 61 480 North Canal St. South San Francisco, CA

When: February 8th, 12:00pm to 5:00pm

February 9th, 9:00am to 3:00pm

What to Bring: Monitors; Computers, Keyboards, Mice, Printers, Fax Machines, VCR's, DVD's, TV's, Telephone Equipment, Toner Cartridges, Cellular Phones, Power Supplies, Audio & Visual Equipment, Digital Cameras, Stereo Equipment & Speakers, Copy Machines, Video Game Systems, Wire, Steel Scrap, Ferrous & Non-Ferrous Metals, and Steel & Alloy Rims.

Sponsored by: Electronic Waste Management, 1-866-335-3373 or

noewaste.com

Millbrae Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Earlier this month, the City of Millbrae celebrated its 60th Anniversary at the Millbrae Recreation Center. Members of the community participated in a Millbrae trivia contest, watched a slide show on the history of Millbrae, and toured several city facilities. My office presented a Resolution from the California State Legislature recognizing the city's 60th Anniversary.

Millbrae's history can be traced back to financier Darius Ogden Mills, who purchased land in the 1860s to build his country estate. Children would swim in the three lakes that were situated on the estate before the Mills family began to sell the land for development. A volunteer fire department was organized in 1931, and remained a volunteer fire department until 1938. By 1941, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisor created the Millbrae Police Department. Due to the desire to secure the Mills' estate for residential use, residents voted to incorporate and traveled to Sacramento to present their new city's charter. On January 14, 1948, California Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan certified incorporation papers and the City of Millbrae was born.



Today, Millbrae is leading the efforts to become a sustainable community through its programs like the solar project rebates, eliminating polystyrene and waste through source reduction plans, and growth management plans. With the San Francisco International Airport and the Millbrae Bart station, Millbrae has become a major transportation hub for tourist and businesses. While Millbrae has gone through major developments since its inception, it still retains its small town feel. I congratulate the City of Millbrae and their residents on this wonderful accomplishment and look forward to another 60 years.

Spotlight on the Intern

As a former Government teacher, I understand the valuable experience a student can gain from interning in a legislative office. It gives a student first-hand knowledge of how their government works and provides them practical experience related to their studies or career interests. Mr. Bryan Moore has greatly contributed to my office and I have asked him to write about his experience as an intern.

—Assemblymember Gene Mullin

By Bryan Moore

LEGISLATIVE INTERN

Through interning at Assemblymember Gene Mullin's office, I have gained considerable insight into the political process.

Most of the work I do centers around writing or viewing letters written by constituents, which has given me an opportunity to write in

ways that I am not able to in school. Reading and entering constituent letters has showed me the impact individuals and the community have on legislation.

The staff has also been a great help in educating me about the legislative process through the discussions that occur while reading the letters or drafting constituent letters. This internship has had a wonderful impact on me because it has opened my eyes and given me a firsthand knowledge about local and state politics. I would encourage any student to intern for Assemblymember Gene Mullin.

If you know a student who would benefit from interning in my office, please feel free to contact me. Our office is always looking for energetic and dedicated students.

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Preparing for Bay Area Storms

Recent events have demonstrated the destructive power of Bay Area storms. Thousands of residents lost power for many days as the result of downed power lines. Flooding and strong winds destroyed property and disrupted daily life. Oftentimes, Bay Area residents are caught off guard and unprepared when such events happen.

While you can't control the weather, you can adequately prepare for when it comes. The consequences for not preparing can be very serious. And with more storms expected, Bay Area residents need to be ready. Here are some important safety tips:

• Have a disaster preparedness kit. This kit should include a flashlight with batteries, enough fresh water for everyone in your household, including pets—1 gallon per person per day, non-perishable food, all necessary medications, first aid kit, radio with batteries, sanitation items and important family documents

- Never touch a downed power line. Call PG&E at (800) 743-5000 if you see a downed power line
- If you live in a low-lying area, make sure to purchase sandbags in case of flooding or contact your city government to see if they provide sandbags free of charge
- Avoid driving on the tree lines. During severe weather, strong winds can cause tree limbs, or entire trees, to fall onto the roadway. Report any fallen debris to the San Mateo County Department of Public Works at (650) 363-4103.
- **Report Accidents.** Call the CHP at (800) TELL CHP (835-5247)

Use these tips to stay safe during these storms.

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